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Alton Town Report



For The Fiscal Year Ending January 31,

1923

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OF THE

Town of Alton, N. H.

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING JAN. 31,

1923

WITH THE

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1922 AS PRE-
PARED BY THE TOWN CLERK

THE NEWS PRESS
FARMINGTON, N. H.

FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

| BOX NO. | LOCATION |
|---------|--|
| 4 | Alton Bay Hose House |
| 5 | School St., front of School |
| 6 | Main St., front of Opera House |
| 12 | Campground, near Store |
| 32 | Corner Mill St. and Gilmanton Road, near Box Shop |
| 42 | Pleasant Valley, Opposite River Road |
| 43 | Main St., front of Fred S. Colbath Resi- dence |
| 3 | Blasts—Brush fire, repeat three times |
| 2 | blasts—Chimney fire, repeat once |
| 2 | blasts—All out signal |
| 2 | blasts—at 7.45 o'clock a. m., no school |
| 2 | blasts—at 11.45 a. m., single session |

Brush fires, chimney fires, all out signal and school signals to be sounded by engineers only. Notify by telephone.

INSTRUCTIONS

Opening box does not give alarm; pull down handle. Anyone sounding alarm to remain at box to direct firemen. Second alarm to be sounded by order of the Chief Engineer only. *TEST ALARM*, one blast at 1 p. m.; on Saturdays from some box. Do not sound alarm unless necessary.

WALTER J. GEORGE,

FRANK H. EMERSON,

ALBERT S. FOSTER,

Fire Wards of Alton.

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

FRANK M. AYER HERBERT E. HAYES
ARTHUR M. TWOMBLY

Clerk

ETHEL W. MORRELL

Treasurer

HARRIETT F. VARNEY

Tax Collector

JOHN H. McDUFFEE

Auditors

WALTER J. GEORGE FRANK T. COLLINS

Trustees of Trust Funds

HERBERT J. JONES FRANK T. COLLINS
OSCAR E. DAVIS

Trustees of the Public Library

ANNA M. WRIGHT JOSEPH A. MOONEY
OCTAVIA H. GILMAN

Precinct Commissioners

WILLIS H. REYNOLDS JOHN H. McDUFFEE
OSCAR E. DAVIS

Representative to the General Court

HARRY E. JONES

Moderator

FRANK M. AYER

Supervisors of the Check List

WILLIS H. REYNOLDS WALTER J. GEORGE
CEPHAS W. DERBY

TOWN OFFICERS

Constable

CEPHAS W. DERBY

Highway Agent

OE VARNEY

Health Officer

CEPHAS W. DERBY

*Fire Wards*WALTER J. GEORGE FRANK H. EMERSON
ALBERT S. FOSTER*Forest Fire Warden*

CEPHAS W. DERBY

*School Board*WILLIS H. REYNOLDS ALBERT J. JONES
DR. F. W. McLAUGHLIN*Superintendent*

F. U. LANDMAN

Librarian

ANNIE A. WHEELER

Justice of the Municipal Court

FRANK M. AYER

*Water Commissioners*FRANK M. AYER CHARLES H. DAVIS
OSCAR DUNCAN

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Alton, in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Alton, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay all necessary charges of the town for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise \$2,422.50, the amount of money necessary to secure trunk line aid for the permanent improvement of highways, agreeable to Chapter 93, Laws of 1915.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise \$1,933.00, the amount of money necessary to secure trunk line and state aid maintenance for the care of highways, agreeable to Chapter 133, Laws of 1911.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 117, Laws of 1917, on a section of the Winnepesaukee and Suncook Valley roads, so called, and appropriate, or set aside from the amount raised for highway work the sum of \$1,150.00 for this purpose.

Article 5. To see if the town of Alton will vote to take over the road known as Spring street and put the same in condition so it will be safe for vehicles to pass over. (By request).

Article 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways and bridges for the year ensuing, in addition to that required to be raised by law.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow necessary moneys in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the construction of sidewalks.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance of the public library, in addition to that required by law.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purpose of holding a fruit, vegetable and poultry show, also to elect a committee to arrange and lay out the same.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be expended under state supervision for the control of the white pine blister rust.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purpose of purchasing a park or playground and to appoint any committee or committees necessary to carry out any vote taken.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for band concerts and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 15. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 16. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year and to elect one selectman for three years.

Article 17. To bring in your ballots upon the question as to whether the amendment proposed by the convention to revise the Constitution shall be approved.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-sixth day of February, 1923.

FRANK M. AYER,
HERBERT E. HAYES,
ARTHUR M. TWOMBLY,

Selectmen of Alton.

A true copy of warrant, attest:

FRANK M. AYER,
HERBERT E. HAYES,
ARTHUR M. TWOMBLY,

Selectmen of Alton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing
Year, February 1, 1923, to January 31, 1924, com-
pared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the
Previous Year, February 1, 1922, to January 31, 1923.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

| | Actual Revenue for 1922 | Estimated Revenue for 1923 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FROM STATE | | |
| Insurance tax | \$52.50 | \$52.50 |
| Railroad tax | 2,020.04 | 2,020.04 |
| Savings bank tax | 2,030.56 | 2,030.56 |
| For fighting forest fires | 16.60 | 50.00 |
| For highways | | |
| (a) For state aid maintenance | | 300.00 |
| (b) For trunk line maintenance | 500.00 | 3,267.00 |
| (c) Unimproved trunk line maintenance | 826.33 | 1,150.00 |
| (d) Bounties | | 25.00 |
| FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES | | |
| All licenses and permits except dog licenses | 1,745.40 | 2,000.00 |
| Fines and forfeits | | 15.00 |
| Rent of town hall and other buildings | 1,138.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Interest received on taxes and deposits | 8.72 | |
| Interest, water works dept. | 921.47 | 875.00 |
| Income of departments: High- ways, sewers, etc. | 16.00 | 50.00 |
| Dog licenses | 293.90 | 290.00 |
| County | 19.00 | 25.00 |

| | Actual Revenue for 1922 | Estimated Revenue for 1923 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FROM POLL TAXES | 3,859.00 | |
| Escapements | 501.82 | 300.00 |
| REVENUE APPLICABLE ONLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS | | |
| From state | | |
| For trunk line highway con- struction | 6,200.00 | 27,345.00 |
| REVENUE APPLICABLE ONLY TO PAYMENTS ON INDEBTEDNESS | | |
| Temporary loan | 8,400.00 | 20,000.00 |
| REVENUE WHICH MUST BE PAID TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS | | |
| School refund | 432.00 | |
| Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1922 | 3,204.56 | |
| Total revenues from all sources | | |
| except property taxes | \$32,185.90 | |
| AMOUNT RAISED BY PROP. PERTY TAXES | 44,990.61 | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$77,176.51 | |

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

| | Actual Revenue for 1922 | Estimated Revenue for 1923 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| General government | | |
| Town officers' salaries | \$1,541.89 | \$1,500.00 |
| Town officers' expenses | 491.11 | 400.00 |
| Election and registration expenses | 243.68 | 125.00 |
| Municipal court expenses | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Care and supplies for town hall | 1,629.44 | 3,000.00 |
| Protection of persons and property | | |
| Damage by dogs | 87.00 | |
| Police department | 178.30 | 200.00 |
| Fire department | 889.47 | 1,000.00 |
| Bounties | 6.20 | 25.00 |
| Health | | |
| Health department | 28.83 | 50.00 |
| Vital statistics | 9.15 | 20.00 |
| Highways and bridges | | |
| State aid maintenance | | (300.00) |
| | 327.16 | (300.00) |
| Trunk line maintenance | | (3,267.00) |
| | 1,582.82 | (1,633.00) |
| Unimproved T. L. maintenance | 1,992.67 | 1,150.00 |
| Town maintenance | 7,286.97 | 6,000.00 |
| Street lighting | 36.00 | 36.00 |
| General expense of highway dept. | 7,600.35 | 5,000.00 |
| Education | | |
| Libraries | 384.00 | 384.00 |
| Patriotic purposes | | |
| Memorial day and other celebra- tions | 100.00 | 100.00 |

| | Actual Revenue for 1922 | Estimated Revenue for 1923 |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Recreation | | |
| Band concerts | 300.00 | 200.00 |
| Interest | | |
| On temporary loans | 125.08 | |
| On bonded debt, water department | 921.47 | 875.00 |
| On long term notes | 90.00 | 45.00 |
| On principal of trust funds used by town | 109.13 | 109.13 |
| OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS | | |
| Trunk line construction | | |
| State's contribution | 6,200.00 | 27,345.00 |
| Town's contribution | 2,046.42 | 9,922.50 |
| INDEBTEDNESS | | |
| Payment on principal of debt | | |
| (a) Temporary loan | 8,400.00 | 20,000.00 |
| (b) Long term notes | 1,000.00 | |
| PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERN- MENTAL DIVISIONS | | |
| Soldiers' bonus | 1,450.00 | 1,450.00 |
| State taxes | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 |
| State highway dept., overdraft | 500.00 | |
| County taxes | 2,489.41 | 2,489.41 |
| Payments to precincts | 1,371.22 | 1,371.22 |
| Payments to school districts | 17,335.34 | 17,500.00 |
| Blister rust | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Abatements and taxes bought by town | 874.71 | |
| Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1923 | 4,848.69 | |
| Total expenditures | \$77,176.51 | |

Selectmen's Report

Valuation April 1, 1922

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Real estate, 35,605 acres | \$1,358,380.00 |
| Personal estate | 257,153.00 |
| Total valuation | \$1,615,533.00 |
| Amount exempted to soldiers, | \$11,740 |

| | Number | Average | |
|--|--------|----------|--------------|
| Horses | 272 | \$121.86 | \$33,445.00 |
| Mules | 5 | 90.00 | 450.00 |
| Oxen | 23 | 73.48 | 1,690.00 |
| Cows | 406 | 51.33 | 20,840.00 |
| Neat | 98 | 41.58 | 4,075.00 |
| Sheep | 58 | 6.12 | 355.00 |
| Hogs | 3 | 15.00 | 45.00 |
| Fowls | 3,837 | 1.69 | 6,518.00 |
| Vehicles | | | 450.00 |
| Portable mills | | | 4,300.00 |
| Boats and launches | | | 30,175.00 |
| Wood and lumber, not stock in trade | | | 65,785.00 |
| Stock of national banks | | | 1,150.00 |
| Money on hand, at interest or on deposit | | | 9,900.00 |
| Stock in trade | | | 62,575.00 |
| Mills and machinery | | | 15,400.00 |
| Total personal estate | | | \$257,153.00 |

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|---|-------------|
| Total town taxes (rate \$27 on \$1,000) | \$43,619.39 |
| 752 polls at \$5 | 3,760.00 |
| 33 polls at \$3 | 99.00 |
| Total prerinet tax (rate \$2.70 per \$1,000.00) | 1,371.22 |
| Total taxes charged to collector | \$48,849.61 |

TAXES RAISED FOR THE YEAR 1922

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| State tax | \$4,200.00 | |
| County tax | 2,489.41 | |
| School tax | 16,883.25 | |
| Fireman tax | 105.00 | |
| Library tax | 384.00 | |
| Highway tax | 13,001.83 | |
| Highway tax, Woodlands road | 500.00 | |
| Town tax | 2,400.00 | |
| Blister rust tax | 400.00 | |
| Note and interest | 2,000.00 | |
| Percentage | 1,255.90 | |
| Total town tax | | \$43,619.39 |
| Precinct | \$1,325.00 | |
| Percentage | 46.22 | |
| Total precinct tax | | \$1,371.22 |

POLL TAXES

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 752 poll taxes at \$5.00 | \$3,760.00 | |
| 33 poll taxes at \$3.00 | 99.00 | |
| | | \$3,859.00 |
| Total amount charged to collector | | \$48,849.61 |
| Total amount collected | \$47,974.90 | |
| Property and poll taxes abated | 346.23 | |
| Property taxes bought by town | 528.48 | |
| | | \$48,849.61 |

ASSETS

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Cash: | |
| In hands of treasurer | \$4,848.69 |
| In hands of state treasurer: | |
| Joint highway account | 22,780.23 |
| Joint highway account | |
| Accounts due town: | |
| Due from state, bounties | 6.20 |

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|--|-------------|
| Due from stable rent | 72.00 |
| Business license | 40.00 |
| Taxes due from previous years | 634.49 |
| Taxes bought by town | 528.48 |
| 15,000 feet of bridge plank and material | 575.00 |
| 8 barrels of tarvia | 56.00 |
| Total assets | \$29,541.09 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Bills owed by town: | |
| Steam heat appropriation | \$1,700.00 |
| Sidewalk appropriation | 200.00 |
| Joint highway account: | |
| Balance unexpended, town | 2,643.03 |
| Balance unexpended, state and federal aid | 22,780.23 |
| Notes payable serially: | |
| James B. Woodman | 1,000.00 |
| Trustees of trust funds | 2,425.00 |
| Amy Welch | 800.00 |
| Addie B. Hutchins | 500.00 |
| Ella A. Gilman | 1,000.00 |
| Ellsworth H. Rollins | 10,000.00 |
| Lillian M. Fifield | 1,000.00 |
| Alma L. Smith | 1,500.00 |
| Emily A. Francis | 700.00 |
| Waldo C. Varney | 1,000.00 |
| Arthur M. Twombly | 1,000.00 |
| Total liabilities | \$48,248.26 |

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Net debt Jan. 31, 1922 | \$20,519.94 |
| Net debt Jan. 31, 1923 | 18,707.17 |

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|------------------|------------|
| Decrease in debt | \$1,812.77 |
|------------------|------------|

BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR 1923 JOINT FUND CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

| | State | Town | Federal | Total |
|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| New project | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Trunk line con. | 250.03 | 5.15 | | 255.18 |
| Trunk line main. | 21.19 | 130.04 | | 157.23 |
| State aid main. | 9.01 | 7.84 | | 16.85 |
| | | | | \$30,429.26 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| Description | Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Town hall, land and buildings | \$25,000.00 |
| Furniture and equipment | 5,000.00 |
| 2. Library, furniture and equipment | 1,500.00 |
| 3. Department property | |
| Fire department, land and buildings | 1,000.00 |
| Apparatus | 5,100.00 |
| Highway department, equipment | 1,100.00 |
| 4. All other property and equipment | |
| Colbath lot gravel pit | 200.00 |
| Place lot and stable | 1,000.00 |
| Alton water works | 20,000.00 |
| Total | <hr/> \$59,900.00 |

**SCHEDULE OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

| Description | Value |
|--|-------------------|
| High school buildings, land and hothouse | \$15,000.00 |
| Bay school buildings | 2,500.00 |
| Rural school buildings | 2,000.00 |
| Furniture and apparatus | 2,500.00 |
| Total | <hr/> \$22,000.00 |

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**DOG LICENSES****RECEIPTS**

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Fees for 106 male dogs at \$2 | \$112.00 |
| Fees for 23 female dogs at \$5 | 115.00 |

\$327.00

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|--|------------|
| Paid H. F. Varney, treas., Aug. 10 | \$100.00 |
| Paid H. F. Varney, treas., Nov. 10 | 156.00 |
| Paid postage | .85 |
| Fee for collecting 129 at 25c | 32.25 |
| Paid H. F. Varney, treas., Jan. 31, 1923 | 37.90 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$327.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Amount collected for auto permits | \$1,732.40 |
| 204 permits at 25c | 51.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,681.40 |

ETHEL W. MORRELL, Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand February 1, 1922 | \$3,204.56 |
| Received of selectmen | 25,122.34 |
| Received of collector | 48,849.61 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$77,176.51 |

PAYMENTS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid orders of selectmen | \$72,327.82 |
| | <hr/> |
| Cash on hand January 31, 1923 | \$4,848.69 |

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIETT F. VARNEY,

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK T. COLLINS,

WALTER J. GEORGE,

Alton, N. H., January 31, 1923

Auditors.

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| State tax assessed | \$4,200.00 |
| County tax assessed | 2,489.41 |
| Town tax assessed | 2,400.00 |
| School tax assessed | 16,883.25 |
| Fireman tax assessed | 105.00 |
| Library tax assessed | 384.00 |
| Highway tax assessed | 13,001.83 |
| Highway tax assessed, Woodlands road | 500.00 |
| Blister rust tax | 400.00 |
| Note and interest assessed | 2,000.00 |
| Percentage assessed | 1,255.90 |
| Precinct tax and percentage | 1,371.22 |
| Total property tax charged | <hr/> |
| to collector | \$44,990.61 |
| Poll tax | 3,859.00 |
| Total taxes charged to collector | <hr/> \$48,894.61 |
| Taxes previous years and escapements | 501.82 |

FROM STATE

For highways:

| | |
|--|------------|
| (a) Trunk line construction | \$6,200.00 |
| (b) Trunk line maintenance | 500.00 |
| (c) Trunk line unimproved maintenance | 826.33 |
| Insurance tax | 52.50 |
| Railroad tax | 2,020.04 |
| Savings bank tax | 2,030.56 |
| Forest fires | 16.60 |
| From county, for support of poor | 19.00 |

FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Dog licenses | 293.90 |
| Motor vehicle permits | 1,732.40 |
| Business licenses | 13.00 |
| Rent of town hall | 1,138.00 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Interest on taxes | 8.72 |
| Interest, water works dept. | 921.47 |
| Bridge plank | 16.00 |
| Refund, school department | 432.00 |
| Temporary loans | 8,400.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$25,122.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total receipts from all sources | \$73,971.95 |
| Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1922 | 3,204.56 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand total | \$77,176.51 |

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

General government:

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Town officers' salaries | \$1,541.89 |
| 2. Town officers' expenses | 491.11 |
| 3. Election and registration | 243.68 |
| 4. Municipal court | 100.00 |
| 5. Town hall | 1,629.44 |

Protection of persons and property:

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| 6. Damage by dogs | 87.00 |
| 7. Police department | 178.30 |
| 8. Fire department | 889.47 |
| 9. Bounties | 6.20 |

Health:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 10. Health department | 28.83 |
| 11. Vital statistics | 9.15 |

Highways and bridges:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 12. State aid maintenance | 327.16 |
| 13. Trunk line maintenance | 1,582.82 |
| 14. Trunk line maintenance unimproved | 1,992.67 |
| 15. Town maintenance | 7,286.97 |
| 16. Street lighting | 36.00 |
| 17. General expenses of dept. | 7,600.35 |

Education:

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| 18. Libraries | 384.00 |
|---------------|--------|

Patriotic purposes:

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| 19. Memorial day | 100.00 |
|------------------|--------|

Recreation:

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| 20. Band concerts | 300.00 |
|-------------------|--------|

Public service enterprises:

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 21. Interest paid on notes | 1,245.68 |
|----------------------------|----------|

New construction and permanent improvement:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 22. Highways and bridges: | |
| Federal aid No. 142 | 8,246.42 |

\$34,307.14

Indebtedness:

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| 23. Payment on notes | \$9,400.00 |
|----------------------|------------|

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOV-
ERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 24. State tax | \$4,200.00 |
| 25. State highway dept., overdraft | 500.00 |
| 26. Soldiers' bonus | 1,450.00 |
| 27. County tax | 2,489.41 |
| 28. Precinct tax | 1,371.22 |
| 29. Payment school | 17,335.34 |
| 30. Blister rust | 400.00 |

\$27,745.97

Unclassified:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 31. Taxes bought by town | 528.48 |
| 32. Abatements, 1922 | 346.23 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Total payments for all purposes | \$72,327.82 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1923 | 4,848.69 |
|----------------------------|----------|

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|-------------|-------------|
| Grand total | \$77,176.51 |
|-------------|-------------|

DETAIL OF STATEMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DETAIL 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Selectmen :

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| F. M. Ayer | \$422.00 |
| Herbert E. Hayes | 356.00 |
| Arthur M. Twombly | 214.00 |

Clerk :

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Ethel W. Morrell | 126.89 |
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Collector :

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| John H. McDuffee | 300.00 |
|------------------|--------|

Treasurer :

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Harriett F. Varney | 100.00 |
|--------------------|--------|

Auditors :

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Frank T. Collins | 4.00 |
| Walter J. George | 4.00 |

Overseer of poor :

| | |
|------------|-------|
| F. M. Ayer | 15.00 |
|------------|-------|

\$1,541.89

DETAIL 2. EXPENSES

Supplies and incidentals :

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Farmington News | \$125.00 |
| W. C. Varney | 8.45 |
| Burroughs Adding Machine Co. | 167.85 |
| Register of deeds | 13.30 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co. | 21.44 |

Livery, hire, etc. :

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| A. M. Twombly, use of car | 6.00 |
| Herbert E. Hayes, expenses | 30.55 |
| F. M. Ayer, use of car | 48.50 |
| N. H. Assessors' Assn. | 2.00 |
| Stationery | 2.75 |
| Stella F. Ayer, copying inventory | 25.00 |
| F. M. Ayer, carfare, meals, etc. | 40.27 |

\$491.11

DETAIL 3. ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Election and registration :

| | |
|--|---------|
| Farmington News, printing ballots | \$14.53 |
| Walter J. George, supervisor | 55.00 |
| Fred M. Newhall, supervisor | 52.00 |
| W. H. Reynolds, supervisor | 52.00 |
| Cocheco Temple, P. S., election meals | 10.15 |
| Cephas W. Derby, constable | 12.00 |
| Oscar E. Davis, ballot inspector | 12.00 |
| Waldo C. Varney, ballot inspector | 12.00 |
| Oscar Duncan, ballot inspector | 12.00 |
| Oe Varney, ballot inspector | 12.00 |

\$243.68**DETAIL 5. CARE AND SUPPLIES FOR TOWN HALL.**

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| H. E. Morrell Agency, insurance | \$51.82 |
| Oe Varney, coal and wood | 227.34 |
| Union Telephone Co. | 30.75 |
| Franklin S. Place | 65.40 |
| James A. Smith, new toilets | 489.38 |
| H. J. Jones, insurance | 127.50 |
| Walter J. George, janitor service | 43.85 |
| E. G. Ellis, labor and material | 73.36 |
| J. Jones and Son, supplies | 8.31 |
| Ayer's Garage, supplies | 22.55 |
| Alton Water Works | 19.00 |
| B. F. Gleason, coal | 15.48 |
| Alton Elec. Light and Power Co. | 306.13 |
| C. B. Twombly, janitor | 93.14 |
| C. B. Twombly, extra work | 21.25 |
| Morrell's Store, supplies | 12.78 |
| E. W. Emerson, labor | 2.00 |
| Ezra Atkinson, tuning piano | 3.50 |
| Maurice R. Goodson, labor | 9.50 |
| S. Stockbridge, labor | 6.40 |

\$1,629.44

DETAIL 6. PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Richard H. Kimball, dog damage | \$47.00 |
| Proctor Brothers, dog damage | 40.00 |

\$87.00

DETAIL 7. POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|-------|
| Franklin S. Place, labor on traffic signs | 24.03 |
| Franklin S. Place, tramps | 10.20 |
| D. E. Johnson, care traffic lanterns | 52.72 |
| Walter J. George | 5.50 |
| Ayer's Garage, lantern | 7.50 |
| C. W. Derby, constable | 54.45 |
| C. B. Twombly, care of tramps | 18.90 |
| Mrs. Wentworth, care of lanterns | 5.00 |

\$178.30

DETAIL 8. FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---------|
| Frank H. Emerson, fire ard, 1921-22 | \$10.00 |
| Walter J. George, fire ward | 5.00 |
| Albert S. Foster, fire ward | 5.00 |
| Oe Varney, coal, Hose 2 | 20.62 |
| Frank H. Emerson, labor, Hose 2 | 51.92 |
| Alton Electric Light and Power Co., Hose 2 | 12.00 |
| C. W. Derby, forest fire | 30.15 |
| H. C. Sulham, fire extinguisher | 20.00 |
| H. L. Barr, painting | 68.00 |
| J. Jones and Son, shingle, Hose 2 | 75.90 |
| Ayer's Garage, supplies | 23.79 |
| C. W. Derby, forest fire warden | 5.00 |
| Maurice R. Goodson, clerk, Hose 1 | 93.35 |
| J. H. Downing Co., pails | 1.92 |
| Alton Water Works, hydrant rental | 364.00 |
| L. F. Downing, clerk, Hose 2 | 48.30 |
| Morrell's Store, supplies | 2.52 |
| Walter J. George, labor | 52.00 |

\$889.47

DETAIL 10. HEALTH AND SANITATION

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| J. E. Berry Drug Co. | \$4.10 |
| Chester P. Hanson, health officer | 19.88 |
| McFadden & Libbey | 2.50 |
| Arthur Twombly, express | .60 |
| Morrell's Store, supplies | 1.75 |

 \$28.83
DETAIL 11. VITAL STATISTICS

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| E. R. Wright, M. D., returns of | |
| births and deaths | \$1.50 |
| Ethel W. Morrell, returns of | |
| births and deaths | 7.65 |

 \$9.15
DETAIL 12. STATE AID MAINTENANCE

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Oe Varney | \$147.80 |
| W. E. Rhines | 60.25 |
| J. F. Smith | 20.00 |
| W. A. Varney | 90.11 |
| J. L. Rollins | 9.00 |

 \$327.16
DETAIL 13. TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Oe Varney | \$875.57 |
| F. H. Grey | 148.00 |
| J. L. Rollins | 383.25 |
| W. E. Rhines | 176.00 |

 \$1,582.82
**DETAIL 14. TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE
AND UNIMPROVED**

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| J. L. Rollins, patrolman | \$103.50 |
| J. F. Smith, patrolman | 680.36 |
| W. Allen Varney, patrolman | 442.88 |
| Willie E. Rhines, patrolman | 576.38 |
| Roy T. Page, patrolman | 158.12 |
| Oe Varney | 31.43 |

 \$1,992.67

DETAIL 15. TOWN MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1. Ai T. Gilman, pay rolls | \$737.84 | |
| 2. Oe Varney, pay rolls | 1,897.98 | |
| 3. Albert D. Morse | 832.12 | |
| 4. Seth E. Grant | 278.56 | |
| 5. Roy Page | 141.50 | |
| 6. Irville T. Proctor | 118.77 | |
| 7. Frank J. Stevens | 18.79 | |
| 8. and 9. George E. Davis | 629.71 | |
| 10. Charles H. Proctor | 220.39 | |
| 11. Scott Bubier | 530.43 | |
| 12. S. B. Huckins | 370.06 | |
| 13. Willie E. Rhines | 1,010.82 | |
| Woodland appropriation | 500.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$7,286.97 |

DETAIL 17. GENERAL EXPENSES

Winter Work

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1. | \$489.34 | |
| 2. | 1,456.79 | |
| 3. | 639.79 | |
| 4. | 389.01 | |
| 5. | 373.15 | |
| 6. | 121.63 | |
| 7. | 127.56 | |
| 8. and 9. | 433.42 | |
| 10. | 243.50 | |
| 11. | 268.71 | |
| 12. | 223.29 | |
| 13. | 1,449.44 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$6,215.63 |
| Oe Varney, agent's salary | | \$443.00 |
| North East Metal Co., culverts | \$113.68 | |
| Berger Mfg. Co., culverts | 114.07 | |
| Chester Hanson, blacksmith work | 13.95 | |
| Berger Mfg. Co., culverts | 170.72 | |

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| New England Road Mch. Co | 166.40 |
| North East Metal Co., culverts | 64.80 |
| Chase Handle Co., pick handles | 11.25 |
| Chester Hanson, blacksmith work | 32.15 |
| George H. Jones, lumber | 28.80 |
| H. L. Barr, labor | 5.70 |
| Oe Varney, railing | 51.32 |
| J. Jones and Sons, supplies | 140.25 |
| F. L. Shorey, pictures | 14.00 |
| Ayer's Garage, supplies | 14.63 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,600.35 |

DETAIL 19. MEMORIAL

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Oscar E. Davis | \$100.00 |
|----------------|----------|

DETAIL 21. INTEREST ON NOTES

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Albert D. Morse | \$45.09 |
| Trustees of Trust Fund | 109.13 |
| Rochester Trust Co. | 24.32 |
| People's National Bank | 83.89 |
| Ida F. Savage | 16.87 |
| James B. Woodman | 45.00 |
| Ella A. Gilman | 66.25 |
| Amy Welch | 46.22 |
| Addie B. Hutchins | 27.08 |
| Waldo C. Varney | 54.03 |
| Lillian M. Fifield | 54.03 |
| Arthur M. Twombly | 54.03 |
| Ellsworth H. Rollins | 508.30 |
| Emily A. Francis | 35.49 |
| Alma L. Smith | 76.04 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,245.68 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. AYER,

HERBERT E. HAYES,

ARTHUR M. TWOMBLY,

Selectmen.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK T. COLLINS,

WALTER J. GEORGE,

Auditors.

CONTROL OF WHITE PINE BLISTER

January 23, 1923.

Board of Selectmen, Alton, N. H.

Gentlemen:—

In accordance with the terms of an agreement executed between the town of Alton and the New Hampshire Forestry Commission, we are herewith submitting the report of work conducted in your town during 1922 in the control of the white pine blister rust.

OBJECT OF UNDERTAKING

This work was undertaken for the purpose of continuing the removal, throughout pine growth, of currant and gooseberry bushes, inasmuch as these plants are the only means by which blister rust is spread from infected to healthy pines.

RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED

There is enclosed herewith a map upon which has been indicated the areas worked prior to 1922 and also those covered during the past season. In addition the approximate location of all infected pines found have been indicated by means of triangles.

During the course of control work 106 infections on white pine were located by the crew foreman and scouts. In addition to this an agent of the Forestry Department, Mr. T. J. King, discovered early last winter 120 infected trees in 11 different sections. The following list includes the land owners on whose property Mr. King found infection:

A. E. Barnes, Herbert E. Hayes, Frank I. Allen, S. W. Hayes, Irville Proctor, Frank M. Ayer, Mr. Bennett, Harry Bickford, L. C. Batchelder, Joseph Mooney, Ellsworth H. Rollins.

During the course of 1922 control work Frank M. Ayer, Herbert Hayes, L. T. Damon, Herbert Jones, T. Foley, Fred Downing, Joseph Mooney, W. Woodman, L. Avery and several others were taken into the field so as to have an opportunity to observe the appearance of blister rust and judge for themselves as to the damage it was capable of causing. In addition to the field trips made for the purpose of looking over pine infections several trips were taken to observe the methods used by the crew in effecting the removal of currant and gooseberry bushes. Among the persons doing eradication work were C. A. Lyons, E. H. Rollins, Mr. Finnemann, the county agricultural agent, and several others. The Forestry Department felt that inasmuch as the greater proportion of the cost of blister rust work was borne by the town that it was unfortunate that a greater number of people did not go out into the field and observe the manner in which town funds were being spent and also judge as to the effectiveness of the work.

The Forestry Department is glad to be able to report that aside from the control work conducted in Alton with town and state funds additional areas were worked as a result of individual owners putting up money to pay for the removal of currant and gooseberries upon their own land. L. T. Damon, H. J. Jones, W. D. Noyes, and E. H. Rollins cooperated in this manner with the state with the result that an additional 775 acres of land was covered and 17,601 currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed. The plan of cooperation in these cases was for the owner to pay the wages and expenses of necessary laborers, while the state paid the wages and expenses to the foreman and furnished free of charge supervision of such work.

The following statement indicates the expenditures which were incurred in the areas where eradication was conducted in cooperation with the state and town.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town appropriation | \$400.00 | |
| State aid as per agreement | 100.00 | |
| Additional funds given by the state | 134.34 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total funds available | | \$634.34 |
| Wages of crew | \$628.53 | |
| Expenses of crew | 5.81 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total expenditures | | \$634.34 |

Area covered, 7,038; average cost per acre, .09;
 currant and gooseberries destroyed, 47,396.

SUMMARY OF ERADICATION

| | Acres covered | Bushes destroyed |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Control work of 1919 | 2,400 | 43,864 |
| Control work of 1922 (town) | 7,038 | 47,396 |
| Control work of 1922 (private) | 775 | 17,601 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total of all work completed | 10,213 | 108,861 |

PLANS FOR 1923

In addition to the control work which was conducted in Alton during 1922, the agent in charge of blister rust work in Belknap County, Mr. J. J. Fitzpatrick, made a general examination of such portions of Alton as have not as yet been worked. As a result of this inspection it was found that there were several areas of hardwood and inferior growth in which wild currant and gooseberry bushes were very abundant. However, as these areas do not as a whole contain a great deal of pine, it is unlikely that work in such regions would be necessary or could be considered as a paying proposition. On the other hand, however, there are still a good many pine areas that ought to receive protection similar to the ones already covered. The Forestry Department, therefore, recommends that an appropriation be made for continuing control work during 1923 and that an

article be inserted in the town warrant in the amount of \$400.00. This appropriation as formerly will be increased 25 per cent so that a total of \$500.00 will become available.

As the department has made a practice of hiring help wherever possible to make up a blister rust crew from local men it trusts that in the event of the town appropriating the year the board of selectmen will bear this point in mind and will assist the department in selecting some competent local men to make up a portion of the crew.

The Forestry Department suggests that this report be read at town meeting and also that it be published in the annual report of the town.

Very truly yours,

J. H. FOSTER, State Forester.

By L. E. Newman, Agt. in Charge of Blister Rust Control

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALTON

| Date of Creation | TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation | HOW INVESTED | Amt of Principal | Rate of Interest | Balance on Hand at Beginning of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance on Hand at End of Year |
|------------------|---|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1901 Aug | Herbert I and Leonard Nute, cemetery fund | Secured by Serial Notes of Town of Alton as follows | 150 | | 9 48 | 7 15 | 6 00 | 10 63 |
| 1904 June | Evaline L Fabner cemetery | Date of Note | 500 | | 10 42 | 22 50 | 22 50 | 10 36 |
| 1909 Feb | Sarah J J Evans cemetery | Jan31, 1919 \$1000 Jan31, 1925 | 100 | | 11 39 | 4 94 | 4 50 | 10 36 |
| 1910 Sept | Reese J Frohock | Jan31, 1919 1000 Jan31, 1926 | 500 | | 118 40 | 27 38 | 20 00 | 123 78 |
| 1911 Jan | Emeline R Avery | (Above notes draw Interest at 4 1/2 p. c.) | 100 | 4 1/2 per cent | 1 09 | 4 55 | 4 00 | 1 64 |
| 1911 Aug | George W Berry estate | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 75 | | 1 53 | 3 45 | 3 00 | 1 98 |
| 1911 Sept | Stephen C Wentworth | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 9 98 | 4 91 | 4 00 | 10 89 |
| 1913 Feb | Alonzo S Rinnals | U S 1st Liberty Loan Bond | 150 | | 10 02 | 7 16 | 7 00 | 10 18 |
| 1913 Feb | Lydia A Rinnals | U S 1st Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 7 04 | 4 80 | 4 50 | 7 34 |
| 1914 Feb | Jonathan H Downing | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 50 | | 42 31 | 19 75 | 11 25 | 50 81 |
| 1914 Nov | Daniel M and John F Perkins | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 23 | 4 51 | 4 50 | 24 |
| 1916 July | Andrew J Varney & Chester A Twombly | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 50 | | 6 94 | 2 42 | 3 50 | 5 86 |
| 1917 Feb | William B Jenness | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | 4 1/4 | 16 12 | 4 92 | 6 50 | 14 54 |
| 1917 Feb | Charles H Downing | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 15 36 | 4 89 | 6 00 | 14 25 |
| 1917 May | Jonas M Place | U S 1st Liberty Loan Bond | 50 | 3 1/2 | 16 | 1 76 | 1 75 | 17 |
| 1917 May | Minerva B Sanborn | Adirondack Electric Power Corporation bonds | 50 | | | | | |
| 1917 Dec | Percy S Jones | Hamilton Cataract Light & Power traction bonds | 4,000 | 5 | 200 00 | 172 80 | | 27 20 |
| 1919 June | Eben G Sleeper | U S 3rd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 9 02 | 4 62 | 4 50 | 9 14 |
| 1919 Sept | Ann Elizabeth Stowell | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bonds | 150 | | 3 10 | 6 51 | 6 00 | 3 61 |
| 1919 Dec | Sarah J Clark | U S 4th Liberty Loan Bonds | 400 | 1 1/4 | 11 16 | 17 46 | 10 50 | 18 12 |
| 1920 June | Lewis P Varney | U S 4th Liberty Loan Bonds | 100 | | 39 | 4 27 | 4 00 | 66 |
| 1921 Feb | Charles H Hurd | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bonds | 100 | | 13 43 | 4 80 | 5 00 | 13 23 |
| 1921 June | Clara A Field | U S 4th Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 8 34 | 4 60 | 5 50 | 7 44 |
| 1921 June | Lizzie A Lammier | U S 3rd Liberty Loan Bond | 50 | | 06 | 2 13 | 2 19 | |
| 1922 Feb | M D L McDuflie | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 50 | | 2 13 | 2 13 | 2 13 | |
| 1922 Mar | Martha W Coan | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 4 25 | 3 50 | | 75 |
| 1922 Mar | Harry Morrison | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 5 01 | 3 50 | | 1 51 |
| 1922 May | Sarah A McDuffee | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 5 01 | 3 50 | | 1 51 |
| 1922 May | Currie Hammonds | U S 2nd Liberty Loan Bond | 100 | | 4 25 | 2 00 | | 2 25 |
| Total | | | 8,175 | | 306 96 | 397 39 | 342 12 | 362 23 |

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast,

FRANK T. COLLINS,
WALTER J. GEORGE,
Auditors

REPORT OF ALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Balance at beginning of year | \$36.29 |
| Town appropriation | 384.00 |
| Income from funds | 22.50 |
| Other sources | 4.00 |
| Total receipts | \$446.79 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Books | \$267.45 |
| Periodicals | 37.10 |
| Salary of librarian | 100.00 |
| Supplies and printing | 24.25 |
| Total expenditures | \$428.80 |
| Balance on hand | \$17.99 |

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|----------|
| 1922 | |
| Cash on hand | \$36.29 |
| July 28, received from town treasurer | 150.00 |
| Sept. 13, received from Annie M. C. Levey | 4.00 |
| Feb. 3, received from town treasurer | 234.00 |
| Feb. 3, received from Oscar E. Davis | 22.50 |
| | \$446.79 |

CASH PAID OUT FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 1923

| | |
|--|---------|
| May 9, Annie E. Wheeler, librarian | \$25.00 |
| July 28, Annie E. Wheeler, librarian | 25.00 |
| Nov. 1, Annie E. Wheeler, librarian | 25.00 |
| Feb. 3, Annie E. Wheeler, librarian | 25.00 |
| May 18, E. R. Wright, insurance | 20.25 |
| May 18, J. M. Hanson, Bennett magazines | 37.10 |
| Oct. 23, Farmington News, printing slips | 4.00 |
| Oct. 23, Geo. L. Shuman & Co., books | 42.50 |

| | |
|--|----------|
| 1923 | |
| Jan. 8, Charles E. Lauriat Co., books | 204.30 |
| Jan. 8, Standard Book Co., books | 6.14 |
| Jan. 8, Anna M. Wright, expense, selecting books | 14.26 |
| Jan. 8, Jordan & Marsh, balance on bill | .25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$428.80 |
| Balance on hand | 17.99 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$446.79 |

RESOURCES

| | |
|--|-------|
| Number of bound volumes at beginning of year | 4,779 |
| Number of bound volumes added by purchase | 118 |
| Number of bound volumes given to library | 37 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total number of volumes owned at end of year | 4,934 |
| Number of magazines currently received | 20 |
| Number of pamphlets on file | 80 |

SERVICE

| | |
|--|-------|
| Number of volumes of non-fiction lent | 489 |
| Number of volumes of fiction lent | 7,800 |
| Total circulation for current year | 8,289 |
| Number of new borrowers added during the year | 145 |
| Total number of active borrowers during the year | 235 |

BOOKS ADDED DURING 1922

NON-FICTION

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Abbott, Lyman | Silhouettes of My Contemporaries |
| Andrews, Mary R. S. | His Soul Goes Marching On |
| Brooks, Rupert | Collected Poems |
| Brown, Rilma M. | Indian Story Hour |
| Brown, G. Waldo | |
| | The American Army in the World War |
| Brown, G. Waldo | Legends and Deeds of Yesterday |
| Brown, G. Waldo | |
| | The River of Broken Waters: The Merrimack |
| Burroughs, John | Under the Maples |
| Dixon, Royal | The Human Side of Animals |

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Dixon, Royal | The Human Side of Trees |
| Faris, John T. | Seeing the Sunny South |
| Foss, Sam W. | Back Country Poems |
| Foss, Sam W. | Dreams in Homespun |
| Foss, Sam W. | Whiffs From Wild Meadows |
| French, Joseph L. | Great Pirate Stories |
| Grey, Zane | Tales of Fishes |
| Guest, Edgar A. | Just Folks |
| Guest, Edgar A. | Over There |
| Guest, Edgar A. | The Path to Home |
| Guest, Edgar A. | Poems of Patriotism |
| Kitchin, William Copeman | A Wonderland of the East |
| Lescarboursa | Radio for Everybody |
| Strachey, Lytton | Queen Victoria |
| The Library of Entertainment (A Thousand Hours of Enjoyment with the World's Great Writers) 12 volumes | |

FICTION

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bailey, Temple | The Gay Cockade |
| Bassett, Sara W. | Granite and Clay |
| Bindloss, Harold | Northwest |
| Blanchard, Grace | The Island Cure |
| Bower, B. M. | The Trail of the White Mule |
| Burnett, Frances H. | The Head of the House of Coombe |
| Burnett, Frances H. | Robin |
| Camp, Wadsworth | The Hidden Road |
| Colcord, Lincoln | An Instrument of the Gods |
| Comstock, Harriett T. | At the Crossroads |
| Cullum, Ridgewell | The Man in the Twilight |
| Curwood, James O. | The Country Beyond |
| Dart, Edith | Sareel |
| Day, Holman | Joan of Arc of the North Woods |
| Dell, Ethel M. | Charles Rex |
| Ferber, Edna | The Girls |
| Gibbs, George | The House of Mohun |
| Gowing, Sidney | The Joy of Living |
| Grey, Zane | To the Last Man |
| Hall, Amanda | The Heart's Justice |

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hallet, Richard M. | The Canyon of Fools |
| Harker, L. Allen | The Bridge Across |
| Harrison, Henry S. | Saint Teresa |
| Hawes, Chas. B. | The Great Quest |
| Holland, Bryan T. | A Vagrant Tune |
| Hough, Emerson | The Covered Wagon |
| Hutchinson, A. S. M. | This Freedom |
| Hutchinson, Hubbard | Chanting Wheels |
| Johnson, Owen | Skippy Bedelle |
| Keyes, Frances P. | The Career of David Noble |
| Kilbourne, Fannie | A Corner in William |
| Kyne, Peter B. | Cappy Ricks Retires |
| Kyne, Peter B. | The Pride of Palomar |
| Laing, Janet | Winter Green |
| Lee, Jennette | The Mysterious Office |
| Lincoln, Joseph | Fair Harbor |
| Lincoln, Natalie S. | The Cat's Paw |
| Locke, Gladys E. | The Red Cavalier |
| Marsh, George | Whelps of the Wolf |
| Marshall, Edison | Shepherds of the Wild |
| Marshall, Edison | The Heart of Little Shikara |
| Marshall, Edison | The Ski Line of Spruce |
| Marshall, Edison | The Strength of the Pines |
| Maxwell, W. B. | Spinster of the Parish |
| McCutcheon, Geo. B. | Viola Gwyn |
| Norris, Kathleen | Certain People of Importance |
| Oppenheim, E. Phillips | The Great Prince Shan |
| Pedler, Margaret | The House of Dreams Come True |
| Pedler, Margaret | The Moon Out of Reach |
| Pendexter, Hugh | A Virginia Scout |
| Post, Melville D. | The Mountain School Teacher |
| Pryde, Anthony | The Purple Pearl |
| Raine, William M. | Man-Size |
| Raine, William M. | Tangled Trails |
| Raine, William M. | The Fighting Edge |
| Richmond, Grace | Four Square |
| Sinclair, Bertrand W. | The Hidden Places |
| Stringer, Arthur | The Prairie Child |

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| White, Stewart E. | On Tiptoe |
| Willoughby, Barrett | Where the Sun Swings North |
| Willsie, Honore | The Enchanted Canyon |
| Anonymous | The Return of Alfred |

JUVENILE

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Burgess, Thornton W. | Whitefoot, The Wood Mouse |
| Cheney, Leila H. | |
| | Tales of Washington Irving's Alhambra |
| Haviland, Mary S. | The Most Wonderful House |
| Lewis, Elizabeth | All-Time Tales |
| Lofting, Hugh | The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle |
| Potter, Beatrix | The Tailor of Gloucester |
| Potter, Beatrix | The Tale of Tom Kitten |
| Potter, Beatrix | The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies |

GIRLS

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Abbot, Jane | Larkspur |
| Colver, Alice R. | Babs at Birchwood |
| Colver, Alice R. | Babs |
| North, Grace M. | Adele Doring at the Sunny Side Club |
| North, Grace M. | Adele Doring in Camp |
| Remick, Grace M. | The Sheldon Six (Anne) |
| Watkins, Shirley | Georgia Finds Herself |

BOYS

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Carrington, Hereward | The Boys' Book of Magic |
| Davis, Richard H. | Stories for Boys |
| Paine, Ralph D. | First-Down, Kentucky! |
| Verrill, A. Hyatt | The Radio Detectives Under the Sea |
| Verrill, A. Hyatt | The Radio Detectives |

BOOKS GIVEN DURING 1922

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| The American Cyclopedia | 26 volumes |
| People's Cyclopedia | 3 volumes |
| History of the World | 3 volumes |
| Personal Memoris of U. S. Grant | 2 volumes |

Given by Mrs. Carrie H. Wallace

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm

New Chronicles of Rebecca

Given by George Wilson

The Message of the College to the Church

Respectfully submitted,

OCTAVIA GILMAN,

JOSEPH A. MOONEY,

ANNA M. WRIGHT,

Trustees.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK T. COLLINS,

WALTER J. GEORGE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE ALTON LIGHTING PRECINCT

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|------------|
| Jan. 31, 1922, cash on hand | \$350.63 |
| Aug. 18, 1922, received from town of Alton | 675.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1922, received from town of Alton | 696.22 |
| Total receipts | \$1,721.85 |

PAYMENTS

| | |
|---|------------|
| May 6, 1922, paid Alton Electric Light and Power Co. | \$274.35 |
| Aug. 18, 1922, paid Alton Electric Light and Power Co. | 662.50 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid Alton Electric Light and Power Co. | 669.50 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid F. M. Ayer, mod- erator | 3.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid H. B. Lang, clerk | 3.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid A. W. Adams, treas. | 3.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid W. H. Reynolds, commissioner | 3.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid J. H. McDuffee, commissioner | 3.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid O. E. Davis, com- missioner | 3.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, paid O. E. Davis, ex- penses to Concord and return | 5.00 |
| Jan. 31, 1923, cash on hand | 92.50 |
| Total | \$1,721.85 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT W. ADAMS,

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the forego-
ing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK T. COLLINS,

WALTER J. GEORGE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF PRECINCT COMMISSIONERS

We, the Precinct Commissioners of the town of Alton submit the following report. The number of lights on January 31, 1922, was 106. There have been no changes made during the year in the location of lights. We have been asked to locate several new ones but after due consideration one was placed near the hose house at Alton Bay to give better light in crossing the bridge. The number of lights on January 31, 1923, was 107, with seven lights on the east side of the lake which are used six months of the year.

The Precinct meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17, at 2 p. m.

WILLIS H. REYNOLDS,

JOHN H. McDUFFEE,

OSCAR E. DAVIS,

Precinct Commissioners of the Town of Alton.

ALTON WATER DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH RECEIVED APRIL 1, 1921 TO JAN. 31, 1923

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| For water service | \$4,321.53 |
| For supplies sold | 50.82. |
| For turning off water | 3.00 |
| Interest on bank deposit | 20.08 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,395.43 |

CASH PAID OUT APRIL 1, 1921, TO JAN. 31, 1923

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Alton & Alton Bay Water Co., Int. | \$875.00 |
| Alton Electric Light Co., current | |
| for pumping station | 225.00 |
| Hydrant, pipe and supplies | 533.99 |
| Freight and express | 19.56 |
| Labor on system and pumping water | 463.32 |
| Selectmen, interest on water notes | 921.47 |
| Cash in bank at interest | 1,220.08 |
| Cash on hand | 137.01 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,395.43 |

CHARLES H. DAVIS,

Alton, N. H. January 31, 1923

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK T. COLLINS,

WALTER J. GEORGE,

Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT

RECEIPTS

From state:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Equalization fund, state treasurer, | |
| state aid under law of 1919 | \$3,605.70 |
| State aid for vocational education, | |
| under Smith-Hughes bill | 467.61 |

From town:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| School district tax | 16,239.64 |
| Tuitions | 534.25 |
| Sale of hothouse products | 53.06 |
| Sale of lumber, etc. | 31.87 |
| Railroad ticket rebates | 16.22 |
| School bank money | 14.54 |
| Balance held for J. B. Place | 80.00 |
| Balance on hand Aug. 31, 1921 | 800.66 |

\$21,843.55

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| Less Gooch abatement | 23.10 |
|----------------------|-------|

\$21,820.45

EXPENSES

Administration:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Salaries of school board | \$60.00 |
| 2. Clerical expenses of school board | 50.00 |
| 3. Salaries of other dist. officers | 29.00 |
| 4. Superintendent's salary | 682.00 |
| 5. Superintendent's expenses | 20.61 |
| 6. Truant officer and school census | 15.00 |
| 7. Other expenses | 33.75 |

Instruction:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 8. Regular teachers' salaries | 12,699.44 |
| 9. Supervision of music | 350.00 |
| Supervision of summer gardens | 75.00 |
| 10. Text books | 483.48 |
| 11. Repair of apparatus | 2.40 |
| 12. Scholars' supplies | 591.80 |
| 13. Flags and appurtenances | 21.43 |
| 14. Graduation exercises | 20.00 |
| 15. Other expenses | 11.90 |

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

| | |
|--|--------|
| 16. Janitor service | 894.50 |
| 18. Fuel | 619.75 |
| 19. Water | 99.75 |
| 20. Lights | 44.74 |
| 22. Building and janitors' supplies | 78.42 |
| 23. Minor repairs and upkeep of grounds | 389.72 |
| 24. Repair and replacement of equipment | 194.88 |

Special activities:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| 27. Transportation | 3,062.56 |
| 31. Elementary tuition | 72.00 |

Fixed charges:

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| 33. Insurance | 112.25 |
|---------------|--------|

Outlay for construction:

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| 38. Alterations | 46.59 |
| 39. New equipment | 193.10 |

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Per capita tax refund | 432.00 |
|-----------------------|--------|

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Balance on hand Aug. 31., 1922 | 434.38 |
|--------------------------------|--------|

Grand total

\$21,820.45

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS ADMINISTRATION

DETAIL 1. SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES

| | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| W. H. Reynolds | \$20.00 | |
| A. J. Jones | 20.00 | |
| F. W. McLaughlin | 20.00 | |
| | | \$60.00 |

DETAIL 2. CLERICAL EXPENSE OF SCHOOL BOARD

| | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| W. H. Reynolds | \$25.00 | |
| E. W. Morrell | 25.00 | |
| | | \$50.00 |

DETAIL 3. SALARIES OF OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

| | | |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| E. W. Morrell | \$25.00 | |
| A. W. Adams | 2.00 | |
| O. E. Davis | 2.00 | |
| | | \$29.00 |

DETAIL 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

| | | |
|---------------|--|----------|
| F. U. Landman | | \$682.00 |
|---------------|--|----------|

DETAIL 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSES

| | | |
|---------------|--|---------|
| F. U. Landman | | \$20.61 |
|---------------|--|---------|

DETAIL 6. TRUANT OFFICER AND SCHOOL CENSUS

| | | |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Oe Varney | \$5.00 | |
| W. H. Reynolds | 10.00 | |
| | | \$15.00 |

DETAIL 7. OTHER EXPENSES

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| C. E. Reardon | \$4.75 |
| W. H. Reynolds | 1.00 |
| E. L. Lydiard | 3.00 |
| Farmington News | 5.00 |
| E. W. Morrell | 9.00 |
| W. J. George | 4.00 |
| F. T. Collins | 4.00 |
| H. E. Morrell estate | 2.91 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$33.75 |

INSTRUCTION**DETAIL 8. REGULAR TEACHERS' SALARIES**

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Clement A. Lyon | \$2,000.00 |
| Katherine K. Waldron | 1,500.00 |
| Agnes M. Thompson | 1,200.00 |
| Frances A. Burt | 1,000.00 |
| Susie L. Barr | 1,000.00 |
| Estella Shedd | 900.00 |
| Elizabeth Mitchell | 900.00 |
| Edna Annis | 850.00 |
| Elizabeth T. Whitehouse | 864.00 |
| Velzora A. Dealand | 756.00 |
| May Lowell | 720.00 |
| Annie F. Sanborn | 398.33 |
| Hugh T. Clarke | 361.11 |
| C. E. Reardon | 250.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$12,699.44 |

DETAIL 9. SUPERVISORS OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Annie A. Wheeler, music | 350.00 |
| C. A. Lyon, summer gardens | 75.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$425.00 |

DETAIL 10. TEXT BOOKS

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Ginn & Co. | \$69.32 |
| American Book Co. | 26.72 |
| Silver, Burdett Co. | 11.92 |
| Macmillan Co. | 15.67 |
| McIntosh Pub. Co. | 6.46 |
| Allyn & Bacon | 10.12 |
| Arlo Pub. Co. | 4.32 |
| F. M. Ambrose & Co. | 7.48 |
| Literary Digest | 4.56 |
| J. C. Winston & Co. | 90.68 |
| Little, Brown & Co. | 9.17 |
| D. C. Heath & Co. | 13.39 |
| Benj. H. Sanborn & Co. | 11.68 |
| Longmans, Green & Co. | 18.40 |
| Edw. E. Babb & Co. | .73 |
| J. B. Lippincott & Co. | 49.28 |
| F. U. Landman | 10.33 |
| V. A. Dealand | .30 |
| Wolfeboro School District | 4.85 |
| Oliver Ditson & Co. | 11.86 |
| Chas. Scribner's Sons | 19.83 |
| C. E. Merrill Co. | 17.64 |
| Houghton, Mifflin & Co. | 9.08 |
| Union-Leader Co. | 3.90 |
| Outlook Co. | 4.17 |
| K. K. Waldron | 10.50 |
| The Independent | 3.00 |
| Atlantic Monthly | 36.12 |
| Doubleday, Page Co. | 2.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$483.48 |

DETAIL 11. REPAIR OF APPARATUS

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| F. U. Landman | \$2.40 |
|---------------|--------|

DETAIL 12. SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Adams & Adams | \$35.46 |
| Edw. E. Babb & Co. | 52.23 |

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| J. Jones & Son | 29.65 |
| L. E. Knott Apparatus Co. | 77.36 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 178.11 |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 57.88 |
| James B. Woodman | 9.24 |
| F. U. Landman | 2.08 |
| Ayer's Garage | 1.22 |
| A. J. Jones | 5.98 |
| C. H. Hanson | 1.65 |
| J. M. Woods & Co. | 49.90 |
| W. H. Reynolds | 6.27 |
| R. E. Lane | 2.36 |
| Farmington News | 9.00 |
| F. L. Emerson | 1.84 |
| Kenney Bros & Wolfkins | 12.18 |
| W. R. Varney | 4.02 |
| Houghton, Mifflin & Co. | 1.85 |
| Belcher & Loomis Hdw. Co. | 44.41 |
| C. C. Shannon | .75 |
| Wolfeboro School District | 7.56 |
| H. E. Morrell estate | .45 |
| V. A. Dealand | .35 |

\$591.80

DETAIL 13. FLAGS AND APURTENANCES

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| R. Drew | \$1.25 |
| Wolfeboro School District | 11.30 |
| E. G. Ellis | .90 |
| A. J. Jones | 1.93 |
| J. Jones & Son | 1.05 |
| W. H. Reynolds | 5.00 |

\$21.43

DETAIL 14. GRADUATION EXERCISES

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Agnes M. Thompson | \$14.00 |
| Farmington News | 6.00 |

\$20.00

DETAIL 15. OTHER EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Wolfeboro School District | \$.50 |
| F. U. Landman | 11.40 |

 \$11.90

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
OF SCHOOL PLANT**
DETAIL 16. JANITOR SERVICE

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Lloyd Perkins | \$14.00 |
| Fred Harriman | 40.00 |
| Fred Woodman | 22.50 |
| Elizabeth Mitchell | 18.00 |
| Fred S. Belcher | 800.00 |

 \$894.50
DETAIL 18. FUEL

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| W. E. Glidden | \$35.00 |
| A. D. Morse | 10.00 |
| G. A. Prescott | 9.00 |
| W. E. Glidden | 35.00 |
| V. A. Dealand | 28.00 |
| Fred Harriman | 7.00 |
| Oe Varney | 530.75 |

 \$619.75
DETAIL 19. MEMORIAL DAY

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Alton & Alton Bay Water Co. | \$99.75 |
|-----------------------------|---------|

DETAIL 20. LIGHTS

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Alton Electric Light and Power Co. | \$44.74 |
|------------------------------------|---------|

DETAIL 22. BUILDING AND JANITORS' SUPPLIES

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Orient Spray Co. | \$19.50 |
| American Brush Co. | 10.75 |
| W. H. Reynolds | 7.61 |
| G. A. Kimball | 4.90 |
| Palmer, Simpson Co. | 6.73 |

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| J. Jones & Son | 11.53 |
| Wolfeboro School District | 10.65 |
| V. A. Dealand | 1.30 |
| J. H. Downing Co. | 3.10 |
| A. J. Jones | 1.22 |
| K. K. Waldron | 1.13 |

\$78.42

DETAIL 23. MINOR REPAIRS AND UPKEEP OF GROUNDS

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Emma Boutin | \$23.80 |
| H. L. Barr | 53.25 |
| S. Stockbridge | .35 |
| E. G. Ellis | 50.39 |
| J. A. Smith | 72.23 |
| A. T. Stearns Co. | 7.50 |
| Fred Harriman | 1.00 |
| G. W. Horne | 3.25 |
| C. C. Shannon | 1.25 |
| Oe Varney | 28.20 |
| A. E. Barnes | 39.54 |
| W. H. Reynolds | .60 |
| C. H. Hanson | 1.85 |
| V. A. Dealand | .25 |
| A. B. C. Association | 12.01 |
| Ayer's Garage | 9.92 |
| C. H. W. Jones | 2.00 |
| Fred Woodman | 1.50 |
| S. L. Jones | 4.00 |
| J. Jones & Son | 73.33 |
| A. J. Jones | 3.50 |

\$389.72

DETAIL 24. REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| J. A. Smith | \$95.15 |
| Longee-Robinson Co. | 84.55 |
| Studley Box & Lumber Co. | 13.75 |
| H. E. Morrell estate | 1.43 |

\$194.88

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

DETAIL 28. TRANSPORTATION

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| W. H. Reynolds | \$73.80 |
| A. J. Jones | 508.76 |
| T. J. Alden | 900.00 |
| S. L. Jones | 900.00 |
| G. W. Horne | 400.00 |
| A. E. Rines | 200.00 |
| J. B. Blace | 80.00 |

 \$3,062.56
DETAIL 31. ELEMENTARY TUITION

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Wolfeboro School District | \$72.00 |
|---------------------------|---------|

FIXED CHARGES

DETAIL 33 INSURANCE

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| H. E. Morrell Agency | \$56.25 |
| E. R. Wright | 56.00 |

 \$112.25

OUTLAY FOR CONSTRUCTION

DETAIL 38. ALTERATIONS

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| E. G. Ellis | \$46.59 |
|-------------|---------|

DETAIL 39. NEW EQUIPMENT

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| W. I. Emerson | \$41.75 |
| Sears, Roebuck Co. | 127.89 |
| A. J. Jones | 5.17 |
| Longee-Robinson Co. | 12.56 |
| Alton E. L. & P. Co. | 5.82 |

 \$193.10

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Per capita tax refund to town | 432.00 |
|-------------------------------|--------|

 \$21,386.07

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Cash on hand Aug 31, 1922 | 434.38 |
|---------------------------|--------|

 Grand total \$21,820.45

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS H. REYNOLDS,

ALBERT J. JONES,

FRANK W. McLAUGHLIN,

School Board of Alton.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1921 | \$800.66 |
| Balance held for J. B. Place | 80.00 |
| Received from school board | 649.94 |
| Received from state treasurer | 4,073.31 |
| Received from selectmen | 16,216.54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,820.45 |

PAYMENTS

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid by orders of school board | \$21,386.07 |
| Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1922 | 434.38 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,820.45 |

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL W. MORRELL

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK T. COLLINS,

WALTER J. GEORGE,

Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Alton:

I submit below my annual report as superintendent of your schools.

Statistics

Total registration for the school year ending June 30, 1922, was 256; boys, 134; girls, 122. They were distributed in the several grades as follows: Grade I, 35; Grade II, 27; Grade III, 25; Grade IV, 22; Grade V, 24; Grade VI, 27; Grade VII, 22; Grade VIII, 25; Grade IX, 17; Grade X, 11; Grade XI, 11; Grade XII, 10. Average membership was 221; average attendance, 209; per cent of attendance, 95. Not absent or tardy, 18; high school tuition pupils, 11; elementary tuition pupils, 9. Visits by school board members, 9; superintendent, 129; by citizens, 235. The registration for 1922-1923 is a little less due to the smaller number entering Grade I.

Teachers

Fortunately only three vacancies occurred in the teaching force of last year. It is a great asset to the Alton district to be able to keep all teachers for a long period of service. On the whole I have not known a higher standard of efficient work on the part of the Alton teachers than that of the present year.

There have been 19 pupils registered in the Mountain school. The annoyance of tardy marks which disturbed us for several years has pretty much disappeared.

The Dealand school was discontinued and Mrs. Dealand was transferred to the South school in New Durham where the Alton and New Durham districts are jointly supporting the school to the mutual advantage of both.

It is not easy to find teachers for the VII and VIII Grade room, combining as it does manual training, domestic arts and some work in the high school. Salaries are not high enough to hold teachers for very long. We have already had three teachers in the domestic arts work this year. The lack of school rooms is also a great hindrance. One teacher has to have work in the upper hall not at all adapted to class room work. Some provision ought immediately to be made for one or two more class rooms.

What I said last year about the schools in general and the high school in particular is applicable this year. It is to the credit of the people of Alton school district that they responded so well to the needs of the school at the last annual school meeting. Any cut in appropriations would seriously hinder the work and standards of education in Alton.

Special Activities

I again commend to your attention the activities of the Agricultural club under whose auspices the poultry show and school exhibits were conducted in the fall. It was a good day for the Alton schools with a good program and good attendance and interest on the part of the citizens.

The work in music, athletics, dramatics, has been conducted much as usual. The Girl Scout organization under the guidance of Miss Thompson is a strong asset.

Gifts

The graduating class in June made a donation to the school for installing shower baths in the building. The installation is being made at the present time. Gifts like this are a commendable feature of the spirit and interest of the graduating classes.

Improvements

A hot water system of heating was installed at the Bay school house in the summer. It is working well.

Some important repairs have been made in the

basement of the main building. The forge room has been enlarged to double the former size.

A new septic tank was installed for the main building during the summer and repairs made that ought to stand for several years.

Some work in shingling had to be done on the rural school buildings that are not in use to save them for future needs.

We need a larger main for water service but I suppose that is promised in the spring by the water commissioners.

Conclusion

I appreciate the cooperation and interest of the school officials who have spared neither time nor effort in their devotion to the needs of the schools.

I appreciate the spirit and sacrifice of the teachers whose loyalty, interest, and efficient service is unquestioned.

I appreciate the attitude of the children toward their tasks, their friendly cooperation with their teachers, and the general spirit of work and effort.

I appreciate the faithfulness, interest and efficiency of the janitors as well as those who have driven the transportation teams through a long and hard winter.

I appreciate the determination of parents and citizens to keep the Alton schools in the front rank of New Hampshire schools, and willingness on their part to make the needed appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

F. U. LANDMAN,

Alton, Feb. 17, 1923

Superintendent.

